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Federal Government websites or address information that may help you obtain copies or authentication of various documents for adoption preparation, travel overseas, or sending school transcripts or diplomas back to your home country:

- **Birth certificates, marriage licenses, and death certificates**--issuing authorities in the United States and abroad: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/howto/w2w/w2welcom.htm>
- **International Adoptions**--News and Updates:
http://travel.state.gov/family/adoption/adoption_485.html
- **Office of Authentication** (for documents to be used overseas by U.S. Citizens and foreign nationals): <http://www.state.gov/m/a/auth/>
- **Fingerprint Cards issued by the FBI:** The U.S. Department of State has recently changed their policy on authenticating Fingerprint Cards issued by the FBI. The Department of State has determined that a Fingerprint Card is considered a personal document and may be authenticated by the Secretary of State's Office of the commissioning jurisdiction. (Please contact the Secretary of State's Office for an Acknowledgement form to be notarized which may then be attached to the Fingerprint Cards.)
- **Foreign Embassies in the U.S. :** <http://www.state.gov/misc/10125.htm>
- **Foreign Consular Offices in the U.S.:** <http://www.state.gov/s/cpr/rls/fco/>
- **U.S. Embassy Offices overseas:** <http://usembassy.state.gov/>

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